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Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

MR. John Taber has been in the U.S. Congress for thirty years, and his record is consistent if not impressive. A small-town lawyer from Auburn, N.Y., he represents a traditionally Republican district, and was one of the most outspoken opponents of the New Deal. Shortly after World War II, he became Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and the word "taberize" has been in use for several years to describe what the chairman of this commission has been doing to the spending plans of the administration. When he first came to Europe a short time after the war, when people were dying of starvation, and the political future of the Continent was touch and go, he told journalists that he had not seen any "underfed people." In Greece, at the time of the invasion from the North, he declared that U.S. police were far more efficient in catching bandits. When the Marshall plan was launched, he decided that it was more than Europe needed or that the U.S. could afford. "It might leave the U.S. out on a limb — as a target for Russia," he said, adding that he would "hate to see Western Europe built up so much that it could capture American markets." Mr. Taber also succeeded in delaying for several months Greek-Turkish aid in the critical years of 1947/48 — no mean achievement.

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ONE should not be unduly surprised, therefore, that Mr. Taber met only bumptious and cantankerous people in this country, who did not work and left the machinery they had received unused along the roads. Mr. Taber's duty is, of course, to talk harshly and to use his axe when the U.S. taxpayer's money is involved. Many persons have wondered of late why so many millions of dollars, given without strings attached, have not earned the U.S. more, instead of sometimes less, goodwill than a few Russian promises for trade contracts and several well-placed Soviet gift boxes of vodka, chocolate and cigarettes sent to a few key persons such as diplomats, municipal chiefs or newspaper editors. And some observers have even reached the conclusion that, today, America would have more friends in the world if she had never introduced her relief and assistance projects which have caused a feeling of dependence, and eventually have antagonized many.

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HOWEVER that may be, and there can be no doubts that mistakes have been made, Taberism today is complementary to the foreign policy proposed by Senator Knowland and his friends. It is the isolationist trend which has always been present in American policy, but never since 1940 strong enough to be dominant. And it is surely ironic that this trend appears to prevail in Washington just at the time when a most determined effort is being made by Russia and China to isolate America from her Western allies. The Geneva conference and the appeal for a European Collective Security System (undoubtedly a stringent necessity in case the Martians should ever invade our planet), will probably soon be followed by gentle intimidation, as recently outlined for the first time. The West European countries, it will be argued, have no chance to survive an atomic war (even if America and Russia have) and, therefore, they should choose between sure annihilation as America's allies, and survival as "neutral owers."

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IN view of the fact that it is comparatively easy to stir nationalist passions in Germany and France, and that the state of mind of wide sections of British public opinion appears to have retrogressed to the period of the Peace Pledge Union, such a policy seems to have certain chances of success. To stand up for itself in such a difficult situation, Washington would need a younger Churchill or perhaps a Mendes-France, but not to persevere in an isolationist intransigence which failed when Philipp II used it against the Protestants. It may appear churlish to criticize Washington; if one sees Mr. Dulles struggling valiantly with a task which is so obviously beyond his competence and experience, if one sees the conditions in which he has to work, he should be the subject of commiseration rather than criticism. Unfortunately, it is not Mr. Dulles alone who is outmaneouvered.

Jerusalem, July 27.

MINING MANAGER RESIGNS

Dr. Joseph Blumenfeld has resigned as General Manager of Israel Mining Industries Corporation, the Ministry of Development spokesman announced yesterday. The Government announced its regretful acceptance of the resignation and will request Dr. Blumenfeld to remain as an adviser to the mining industries.

(It is believed that one of the reasons for Dr. Blumenfeld's action is that his permanent residence is in Paris, making it difficult for him to supervise operation in this country.)

CABLE OF THANKS

The Prime Minister yesterday cabled a message of thanks to Mr. Carlos Alel, Governor of Buenos Aires Province, (Argentina) for naming a street in Ciudad Eva Peron after [illegible]



The scene at the signing of the Charter between the Israel Government and the World Zionist Organization at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. (L. to r. seated): Mr. M. Boukstein (Legal Adviser to the Jewish Agency in New York), Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Berl Locker (Chairmen of the Jewish Agency Executive) and Mr. Moshe Sharett (Prime Minister). Standing: Mr. Ze'ev Sharef, (Secretary to the Government).

Photo by Meyerowitz

North Americans Few But Active

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the paucity of immigration from North America — only 220 persons had arrived in 1953 — this small group had been extremely active in the pioneering field, Mr. Zvi Luria, of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, told the Committee on Activities in Israel yesterday.

He stated that the Americans and Canadians had founded 14 settlements, many of them on the border, while those from Mexico had set up three.

Mr. Lurie said that the Immigration and Economic Departments in New York were now examining the applications of 82 middle-class families who desired to come here as settlers and investors. In all, they would invest $1,250,000. About 20 middle-class families, with a total investment of $337,000, had already settled here.

The Immigration Department had also aided 25 families who had left Israel for Canada to return. More than 5,000 persons have left the State for Canada.

A total of IL.66m. of the Jewish Agency's proposed IL.103m. budget is to be used in settlement work Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance and head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, told the Committee.

Most For Settlement

The lion's share of the money designated for settlement, IL.34m. is to be used for maintaining 380 existing settlements, only 27 of which were founded before the establishment of the State.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann spoke to the Committee on problems of the movement and organization. The Committee discussed the system of choosing Delegates to the Zionist Congress through agreement and not through elections.

The Foreign Affairs Committee appointed several sub-committees, one to formulate a statement protesting the imprisonment and trial of Zionist leaders in Rumania.

Mr. Zalman Shazar, head of the Department of Education and Culture in the Diaspora, spoke on the importance of the Jewish Agency's role in providing the Diaspora with a non-party Zionist press.

Eleven members of Wizo are participating in the discussions of the various committees. They are: Drs. S. Levita and R. Zimmermann, and Mesdames N. Ben-Porat, T. Hauser, R. Ginossar, F. Grove, S. Liefson, N. Margulies, I. Pollak, T. Ladiansky, E. Gold-Ariel.

The Zionist General Council is expected to resume its public sessions this afternoon.

JEC Fights Lower Electric Rates

An order nisi against the Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, and the Director of Electricity, Mr. M. A. Rakover, was issued yesterday by the High Court of Justice, at the request of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation. The order requires the Minister to show cause why he should not retract the new electric tariff which equalizes the rates of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation with the lower ones of the Palestine Electric Corporation.

Mr. Rakover, under the provisions of the Exorbitant Profits clause of the Defence Regulations, on July 3 published regulations fixing the new tariff, effective August 1. In its brief, the Jerusalem Electric Corporation contended that Mr. Rakover had no legal authority under the Defence Ordinance to lower electricity rates.

Electricity rates had always been fixed on a mutual agreement between the Government and the Corporation. Since February 1953, however, the Government had turned down a series of petitions by the J.E.C. to increase the tariff in accordance with higher costs of generating current. In addition, the Government last June cancelled its subsidy of 3.5 prutot per kilowatt.

The company claims that, as a result, it has a monthly deficit of IL.13,000. It sees in the new regulations an infringement of the rights of the J.E.C. incorporated in its charter, and claims that if allowed to remain in force, they will ruin the Corporation economically.

The J.E.C. was represented by Mr. H. Krumgold. The Court was composed of Justices I. Olshan, Dr. J. Sussman, and M. Landau.

State, WZO Sign 14-Point Charter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Charter issued by the Government to the World Zionist Organization was signed yesterday morning at the conference room of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Prime Minister, signed on behalf of the Government and Mr. Berl Locker and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairmen of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, signed on behalf of the W.Z.O.

The Charter was prepared in accordance with the Zionist Organization Status Law passed by the Knesset in November 1952.

It lists the functions of the W.Z.O. as follows: the organization of immigration abroad and the transfer of immigrants and their property to Israel; participation in the absorption of immigrants; youth immigration; agricultural settlement and land acquisition; participation in development projects; the encouragement of private investment; aid for cultural projects and to Israel institutions of higher learning; the adoption of means to finance these activities; and the coordination of the activities in Israel of Jewish organization who perform these tasks with public funds.

The Charter provides that any activity carried on by the W.Z.O. must be in accordance with the laws of Israel.

The organization of immigration is to be conducted on the basis of agreement with the Government or approval by the Government-Agency Coordinating Committee.

C'ttee Parity

The Coordinating Committee will be composed of an even number of members, not less than four, half of them members of the Government, and half of them members of the W.Z.O. Executive. The Committee will meet at least once a month.

The Charter took effect yesterday immediately after it was signed.

In a letter to the Chairman of the W.Z.O. Executive, the Prime Minister stated that the Government had decided that at official ceremonies the place of the Chairmen of the Executive and of the Chairman of the Zionist General Council in the order of precedence would be immediately after that of Cabinet members, the position of members of the Executive would be equal to that of Knesset members, and the position of members of the Zionist General Council would be immediately after that of Knesset Members.

After the Charter was signed yesterday, Mr. Sharett expressed his satisfaction that the relations between the Government and the W.Z.O. had been settled and the hope that the Charter would be the foundation for fruitful work by the Zionist Organization.

Mr. Locker said that the Charter granted the Zionist Organization not only privileges but duties. Dr. Goldmann promised that the Zionist Organization would do all in its power to fulfil its task in building the land.

Others present were:

On behalf of the Government: Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice; Mr. I. Rokach, Minister of Interior; Mr. Y. Serlin, Minister of Health; Mr. Z. Aranne, Minister without Portfolio; Mr. H. Cohen, Attorney General, and Mr. Zeev Sharef, Secretary to the Government.

On behalf of the W.Z.O.: Mr. E. Dobkin, Rabbi Z. Gold, Mr. M. Kol, Mr. Z. Shazar, all members of the Executive; Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Chairman of the Zionist General Council, and Mr. M. Boukstein, Legal Adviser to the Jewish Agency in New York.

RECRUITING OF ARABS FOR ARMY BEGINS

ACRE, Monday. — Registration for two years of compulsory military service for Arab youths aged 18-20 began in an Arab village in the Little Triangle this morning.

The operation, carried out by a team of the Recruiting Division of the Ministry of Defence, followed a week after Arabic and Hebrew posters had been put up throughout the Triangle announcing the dates and hours for registration in each village. It is understood that a similar unit began this work in Arab villages in Galilee this morning.

Registration will first be completed throughout the Triangle and Galilee areas under military government and only later will touch the mixed towns with Arab inhabitants and the Negev Beduin. Not before the registration is completed — an operation expected to take several months — will medical examinations be conducted, it was understood.

DAYAN INSPECTS U.S. AIR BASE

PENSACOLA, Florida, Monday (INA). — The Israel Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Moshe Dayan, today visited the Elgin Air Force base where he inspected equipment and training methods employed. Rav Aluf Dayan is leaving tomorrow for Atlanta, from where he will proceed to Fort Knox. His next stop will be the Artillery Training Centre at Fort Sill.

Storm of Criticism Meets Religious Judges Bill

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

So much further criticism of the Religious Judges' Bill was heard from all parts of the House yesterday as the five-hour debate drew to a close, that Mr. D. Bar Rav Hay, Mapai, was moved to ask how it had ever reached the stage of being presented for discussion. He said that in its present form it appeared to please only Hapoel Hamizrahi (who number among their supporters both the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. M. Shapiro, and his active Deputy, Mr. Z. Warhaftig, who presented the Bill last week.)

Both General Zionist and Mapai members of the Coalition have objected to it strongly, on the score that the operation of the Religious Courts will continue to be totally outside the supervision of the lay authorities, while the Aguda, on the other hand, consider the Bill unsatisfactory owing to their inclusion of Lay members on the Appointments Committee. He suggested that the most dignified solution would be for Hapoel Hamizrahi themselves to propose that the Government should withdraw the draft for further consideration.

Aguda Objections

Strong opposition to the Bill came from Mr. S. Lorincz, Agudat Yisrael, who said that it was "a caricature of Law." His objection was based mainly on the fact that it does not explicitly state that the *dayanim* will apply the law of the Torah, but merely that they will apply "the law"; would there even be any legal basis for dismissing them if they were to apply some other law? He also grave it as his opinion that any *dayan* who took an oath of loyalty to a man-made concept such as the lay State of Israel thereby became unfit to be a *dayan*. In no country at any time had a *dayan* been called upon to take such an oath.

Miss Rachel Zabari, Mapai, in an effective address, joined the other women members of her Party in protesting against the discriminatory laws perpetuated by the present Bill. She recalled that the Jewish woman's disabilities under the law — that her evidence is considered equal in value to that of a slave, and that she may not judge because she cannot bear witness — date back only to the Diaspora period, while in the earlier days of Israel's independence there had been queens, prophetesses and women judges. With the return of independence, it was to this point that the law should return, particularly in view of the position that women had achieved throughout the period of the Zionist struggle.

Mr. Bar Yehuda, Mapam, asked that the Religious Courts should operate for those who wished to submit to them, and their judgements should receive validation like those of courts of arbitration, but that none should be forced to go to a Religious Court who did not wish to do so.

Sensitive on Loyalty

Dr. M. Bader, Herut, said that while it was arguable that the Religious Courts did not draw their authority from the State, but existed in their own right, he could not see why the *dayanim* should have been so sensitive about a declaration of loyalty to the laws of the State as well as the State itself. They were accepting this State law for their appointment, pay, and retirement. Certainly, conflicts were liable to arise between a man's legal obligations and his conscience, and he was the last to say that a man should not choose to be guided by his conscience, and take the consequences, but it seemed strange to choose the easy way out from the beginning, and to reject the laws of the State. This might be justified for Agudat Yisrael, which operated its own Rabbinical Courts without assistance from the Government. But the regular Religious Courts were dependent on the Government and police assistance to carry out their judgments. Why was the impression being given that the Knesset was passing a law that appeared to contain a provision that other laws it had made could be disregarded?

Rabbi Kahana, Poalei Agudat Yisrael, in his address claimed that if the Religious Courts were not respected, nor were, for instance, the traffic courts. When he began to elaborate this theme, he was warned by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Sheffer, that he was out of order. He objected but returned to his main theme, but when warned soon after that he had only two minutes to go (the regular procedure) he said "I am not being allowed to speak" and left the rostrum.

Jordanians Fire On Unarmed Farmers, Wound Five Men

Jordanians armed with machineguns and automatic weapons yesterday afternoon attacked unarmed members of Netiv Halamed Hei, (a settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor near the border at Wadi Fukin) as they were working in the fields and wounded three of them. Two Border Guards, who rushed to the scene, were also wounded. The shooting continued for several hours.

The wounded men, Yosef Baron, 27, who suffered serious leg injuries, Eliezer Machloff, 24, who was shot in the arm, and Shaul Ne'man, 20, who was injured in the neck, were taken to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. The two Border Guards Sgt. Moshe Levy and Constable Aharon Assis, were also taken to hospital; their condition is still not known.

According to members of the settlement who witnessed the attack the Arabs opened fire firm across the border. The wounded were rescued from the area amid a hail of enemy bullets; an armoured car had to be brought up, in order to rescue Yosef Baron.

It appears that some Jordanians also were wounded, the Army Spokesman said last night. *(Itim.)*

5 CLASHES IN WEEK

During the week ending July 21, five clashes occurred between security forces and armed infiltrators, as well as several incidents of stolen agricultural equipment.

Faisal Opens Iraq Assembly

BAGHDAD, Monday. — The first session of the newly elected Iraqi Parliament opened in Baghdad today, King Faisal, who personally delivered the speech from the throne, indicated that the present Caretaker Government of Arshad el Umari would shortly resign, but he did not specify a date.

The session was attended by members of both the Chamber and the Senate. This is Iraq's second Parliament since the end of World War II.

One of the leaders of ex-Premier Nuri e-Said's Constitutional Unionist Party, Abdul Wahab Mirjan, was elected speaker of the Assembly.

For the sixth time in succession, Mohammed Sadr was elected President of the Senate.

The deputies of the opposition National Front announced today that they would continue their fight in Parliament for the abrogation of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty and the nationalization of the country's oil resources.

The Constitutional Unionist Party and its "independent" supporters control 80 of the 112 seats in the Chamber.

After the speech from the throne, the session was adjourned until November 30.

(NEABS, UP, Reuter)

ELECTION RALLIES BANNED IN SYRIA

The Syrian Government has banned all pre-election demonstrations as a result of the recent wave of bloody clashes between left-wing groups and supporters of former dictator Shishakly, NEABS reports.

Colonel Said Habbi has been appointed military commander of Northern Syria in succession to Colonel Faisal el-Attass, who has resigned from his command to enter politics, the station added.

The Syrian Cabinet held an emergency session yesterday to discuss the textile workers' strike which entered its second month yesterday. It was decided to introduce a bill declaring the strike legal. Employers were warned that they would be required to extend strike pay to the workers if they rejected the official arbitration efforts

BENNIKE TO MEET LAVON THIS WEEK

General Vagn Bennike, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, will meet with Mr. P. Lavon, the Minister of Defence, in Jerusalem this week, a U.N. spokesman confirmed. General Bennike accepted the invitation yesterday.

His visits to Damascus and Beirut last week followed the pattern of his visit to Cairo, states the spokesman. The Syrian delegates to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission broadly discussed problems relating to the local situation, without dwelling particularly on the incidents at Lake Tiberias.

The Chief of Staff has not yet approached Jordan or Israel authorities on the question of talks or even a tri-partite parley, as he promised to do some weeks ago.

President Protests Discrimination

President Ben-Zvi told an *Itim* reporter in Migdal Ashkelon yesterday that he was in favour of a law that would make discrimination against any group of the population in the realm of housing a punishable offence. He had in mind several incidents of discrimination in public housing.

The President said that an intermingling of the various communities in such projects was to be welcomed, but that the process of unifying the diverse ingathered exiles should not be forced from above.



The Israel Minister to Burma, Mr. David Hacohen, (centre) in the midst of a conversation with the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, (left) at a reception in the Chinese Embassy, Rangoon. Mr. Chou was then en route to Peking from Geneva during a break in the Far Eastern conference. Mr. Chou arrived in Warsaw from East Berlin yesterday, Reuter reports. He is returning to Peking. (The third diplomat in the group is unidentified).

Tory 'Rebels' Threaten Gov't Defeat 'In Revenge for Suez'

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The 40 Conservative "rebels" are to meet at the House of Commons today to concert their strategy in the increasingly likely event of an Anglo-Egyptian agreement leaving Egypt in full control of the Suez Canal Zone. Their leaders have been outraged by the Cabinet's decision to send the Minister of War, Mr. Anthony Head, to Cairo, and today there are angry mutterings against Mr. Anthony Eden and threats to bring the Government down by voting with the Opposition on some issue next autumn.

While these rebellious moves include an element of spleen which may wear off, there is no doubt that the "rebels" intend to press their case by urging the need to consult Britain's Commonwealth associates before signing a treaty. They believe that agreement in the present negotiations has not yet been secured from all Commonwealth members, that some of them are seriously worried over the risk of placing Egypt in sole control, and that the whole impetus towards compromise reflects American, rather than Commonwealth, interests.

This is a potentially dangerous argument which shows how bitter some Conservatives feel about America's role. They recall that, in 1946, Mr. C. R. Attlee, as Prime Minister, gave an undertaking that Britain would consult the Commonwealth if its interests were touched by an Egyptian settlement, and they demand to know whether this has been done. The Government's argument concerning the expense of maintaining the Suez base is also being challenged, and parliamentary questions are being prepared to suggest that a War Office memorandum last year placed the cost of constructing an alternative base at £300m.-300m.

Altogether, there is a minor storm in preparation, although it is unlikely to be increased by Cairo messages suggesting that the Egyptians want to delete all references to mutual interests and cooperation from the wording of the agreement. The Conservative "rebels" have no faith in Egyptian promises and will not miss their deletion. They are more likely to be impressed by the report that Turkey wants the British technicians in the Zone to have more authority than the Egyptians are willing to grant. The Turks seem worried about sabotage and are anxious that Britain's rights of supervision and re-entry should not be unduly curtailed.

On the Egyptian side, the latest surprise is Colonel Abdul Nasser's refusal to accept a British suggestion that "Arab or Mediterranean" states might supply technicians. He will have only Egyptian or British firms, apparently fearing that Turkey might get her foot in the door. Despite these disagreements and the difference over the timing of the evacuation, a treaty is now in sight.

Sneh Slated As No.3 Communist

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. P. Tubin, one of the leaders of Dr. Moshe Sneh's Left Socialist Party, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that news about the dissolution of his Party and of its joining the Communist Party were without any foundation. He added that there was no intention of merging at this stage.

A correspondent writes that it was reported some time ago that the Left Socialists would merge its lists with that of the Communists for the coming elections as their prospects as a separate party would be meagre.

It is believed that the Communists wish the Left Socialists to join their Party on an individual basis but that these would have liked to have remained a group within a "United Front."

When the party is reconstituted, Dr. Sneh is likely to become No. 3 in its hierarchy, and the chief Knesset spokesman. The Communist Party leader, Mr. S. Mikunis, does not often speak, and his first aide, M. Tewfik Toubi, speaks only on certain subjects.

Mr. Eden told Mr. Patrick Maitland, one of the Conservative "rebels," in the House of Commons today:

"Commonwealth Governments have been kept fully informed of every stage of these long negotiations (on Suez evacuation). If any Commonwealth Government has any points to raise, it is fully in its power to do so."

Formal Evacuation Negotiations Begin

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — The British War Minister, Mr. Anthony Head, met Egyptian negotiators for the first time tonight after his arrival here for talks on the evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone.

The Egyptian negotiators were headed by the Prime Minister, Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser. The meeting took place in the Government Rest House at the foot of the Giza pyramids.

In London, today, Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, asked in the House of Commons whether Britain had discussed with the Egyptian Government the establishment of a neutral zone in the Canal area "in view of Commonwealth support for this proposal."

The Foreign Under Secretary, Mr. Anthony Nutting, replied that the Government was unaware of any such proposal.

Mr. Teeling suggested that the situation "might be safer" if there were a "neutral nation there with an Arab prince or king to run it."

Vietminh Attack To Win Deserters

HANOI, Monday (UP). — Vietminh troops have increased their attacks against Red River Delta posts held by Vietnam garrisons and have launched an intensive propaganda campaign to persuade them to desert, the French High Command disclosed today.

French authorities said that desertions among Vietnam ranks had begun to be "disquieting" as a result of the Vietminh drive to split France from her ally.

News of the fighting came less than 24 hours before the ceasefire is to be officially proclaimed throughout North Vietnam. French observers stated that the Vietminh appeared to be making a major effort to show the delta population "who is master" now.

French residents here today finished enrolling for evacuation. Three hundred French and 500 Vietnamese will be flown daily to Saigon, starting tomorrow, according to three categories of urgency. So far only about one-twentieth of Hanoi's 6,000 French have not signed up.

Americans Down Two Attacking Chinese Planes

WASHINGTON, Monday.—The State Department reported today in the name of Mr. John Foster Dulles, that two American carrier planes had shot down two Chinese planes which are said to have attacked them while they were searching for survivors of the British airliner shot down by a Chinese plane last Friday.

The news was released as the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was telling the House of Commons that Britain welcomed China's "prompt offer to make amends for the savage and inexcusable" attack on Friday.

In reply to the British protest over the shooting down of a British Skymaster off the island Hainan, the Chinese Government today expressed regret "at this accidental and unfortunate incident" and promised appropriate measures to prevent its recurrence.

The Chinese Government also stated that it would consider paying damages for the loss of life and property. Ten persons died in the crash.

Peking Radio broadcast that Chinese planes had mistaken the British aircraft for a Chinese Nationalist plane which had recently been active in the area.

At the same time, the Chinese Government announced further measures to combat the activities of Nationalist aircraft.

Today's State Department release said: "The U.S. would protest most vigorously against this further evidence of Chinese Communist brutality and their belligerent interference with a humanitarian rescue operation conducted on the high seas."

The American fighters were from the two aircraft carriers ordered into the area on Saturday to protect further rescue and search operations after Friday's crash.

Over High Seas

The announcement said that the planes "were attacked over the high seas by two Chinese Communist fighter aircraft, apparently of the same type as shot down the Cathay Pacific commercial airliner.

"The U.S. planes returned the fire and the two Chinese Communist planes were shot down."

The report of the attack on the American planes has angered Congressional leaders who today accused China of "piracy."

The news was announced in the Senate during the filibuster on the Atomic Energy Bill. Mr. Lyndon Johnson, Democratic leader, rose and said, "This is a time for America to unite. . . . We must resolve to be cool, decisive and ready to act as Americans must always act in the face of danger."

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson stated later that the battle between the American and Chinese planes took place "outside the 12-mile limit off Hainan."

He said that the American pilots had reported that, during the clash, a Chinese gunboat had opened fire on them but they had not returned this fire.

The Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral Felix Stump, now in Washington, told a press conference that American fliers were under instructions to be "quick on the trigger" if they were attacked.

British Overseas Airways Corporation today announced that its service between Singapore and Hong Kong had been diverted to a route still further south of Hainan Island.

In Paris this evening, officials expressed the hope that the air duel off China would not get out of hand.

War-weary Frenchmen voiced worried criticism of the U.S. for "playing the Communist game" of shooting first and asking later.

(Reuter, UP)

UK Making 'Most Careful' Study Of Soviet Note on Europe

LONDON, Monday.—The British Government is to make a "most careful examination" of the Note presented by the Soviet Union to the Western Powers on Saturday, proposing a conference on a collective security arrangement for Europe.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, announced this in the House of Commons today. He added that Britain would consult France and the U.S., as well as other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that consultations would begin in three or four days.

The Soviet Note proposed a conference of all interested European powers and the U.S. It also suggested that China be present as an Observer.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, urged that the Note be examined with great care to see if there was in it anything basic or something new on which the powers could get together.

In Washington, today, the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, called unexpectedly on the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, for a 15-minute discussion. The British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, had a long meeting with Mr. Dulles.

Even though a State Department spokesman had announced that Mr. Zarubin had called to ask whether the U.S. would be represented at an agricultural fair to be held in Moscow on August 1, and to discuss "another minor matter," observers suggested that both conferences were in connection with the Soviet Note.

The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, today summoned the U.S. Ambassador to Paris, Mr. Douglas Dillon, to his weekend hunting lodge for a long conversation on the Soviet Note and other topics.

At the end of their 70-minute discussion, Mr. Dillon issued a brief statement saying: "We talked about several subjects, and out of this meeting there emerged a re-affirmation of Franco-American solidarity."

The American Press has come out strongly against acceptance of the Soviet invitation for a European conference, while it was treated guardedly in the British and French press.

The East German Premier, Mr. Otto Grotewohl, last night accepted the Soviet proposal. He announced this at a reception for the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai.

(Reuter, UP)

Britain, US Relax Embargo on Soviets

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, told the House of Commons today that Britain and the U.S. had agreed to cut the list of strategically embargoed goods to the Soviet bloc, excluding China, from 250 items to 170 from Au[illegible] 1st.

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RICHER FLAVOUR THROUGH MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi resumed his duties yesterd..y at his office in Jerusalem after a vacation in Migdal Ashkelon.

Mr. Moshe Shapira, Minister for Religious Affairs and for Social Welfare, held a reception on Saturday night for visiting Zionist leaders from the Diaspora.

Mr. S. Kuper, Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, left by El Al for Johannesburg on Sunday night after a week of consultations with officials of the Government and the Jewish Agency. Also aboard the plane was Mr. A. Saban, World President of OSE, who was here for four days.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is giving a special concert for the Israel Forces on July 28 at the Z.O.A. House open-air auditorium in Tel Aviv, with Mme. Nadia Eitingon-Reichert as the soloist under the direction of Michael Taube. Mme. Eitingon-Reichert will play the Schumann piano concerto.

A Memorial Meeting commemorating the 750th anniversary of Maimonides will take place at 8.45 tonight, in the Yeshurun Synagogue, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Serlin, and the Israel Medical Association. The opening address will be delivered by Dr. A. Brand, Acting Chairman of the Jerusalem Medical Association. Mr. Y. Serlin will speak. Other addresses: Dr. Z. Muntner on "Maimonides as Physician;" Prof. H. Albeck on "Maimonides as Commentator;" Dr. Y. Burg, Minister of Posts, "Maimonides as Thinker." A male choir conducted by S. Goldhur will perform. The programme is to be broadcast by Kol Zion Lagola. No admission after 9 p.m. The public is invited.

"Legal Terminology in Hebrew" will be the subject of a symposium to be held today, under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University, the Ministry of Justice and the Israel Bar Association, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., in the University's Faculty of Law, Ratisbonne Building, Room 74. Participants will be Professor B. Akzin, Dean of the Law Faculty; Mr. Justice Cheshin; Dr. N. H. Tur-Sinai, Professor of Hebrew Philology at the Hebrew University; Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General; Asaf Goldberg, advocate; Dr. A. Levontin, Lecturer in the University's Faculty of Law; Mr. Zeev Zeltner, President of the District Court, Tel Aviv, and the editor of "Hapraklit"; M. Levanon, advocate; Mr. M. Shelly, who is in charge of the drafting of laws in the Ministry of Justice.

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★ **Exhibitions:—** Exhibit of the month: Greek pyxis, black-painted pottery bowl, 6th Century B.C.E. National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ **Archaeology:—** Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, including various finds from a Chalcolithic and Middle Bronze mass tomb near Tell Asawir, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Library:—** American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free. 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

★ **Tours:—** Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:—** Paintings, sculptures, applied art by Zahara, Louise and Bezalel Schatz, Modern Mexican graphic art, ancient Mexican pottery, Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Theatres: —** "Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.30 p.m.
Habimah, "The Crucible," Habimah Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—** Works by pupils of the "Oranim" Kibbutz Seminary—sculpture, drawings and mosaic — "Trachym" Gallery, 4 Reh. Beerwald (opp. Zion Hotel), 10-1, 5-8.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:—** Do-Re-Mi, "Silva, The Chardas Princess," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

BEERSHEBA

★ **Theatre:—** "The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre, at the Keren, 8.30 p.m.

LAW REPORT

THE JERUSALEM POST
July 27, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeal

Before Justice Cheshin, Silberg and Goitein.

The Attorney General, Appellant, v. Joseph ben Eliezer Horwitz and three others, Respondents, (Cr.A. 19/54).

"The Architectural Council in Israel" and "Public Mischief"

Section 105 of the Criminal Code Ordinance 1936, which was the subject of an exhaustive analysis in G/A. 53/54 (The *Jerusalem Post* Law Reports, July 18, 1954) was again considered by the Supreme Court, when an appeal of the Attorney General against an order of the Tel Aviv District Court (Judge Malhi, Cr. A. 871/53) was dismissed.

Case History

The respondents were charged on summary trial in the District Court with offences against section 105 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, which provides that "any person, who does an act which may cause or tend to a public mischief is guilty of a misdemeanour," and with conspiracy to commit a misdemeanour, contrary to section 35 of the Ordinance.

The charges were based on the fact that the first three respondents had founded on December 31, 1952 an association, called "The Architectural Council in Israel," which, according to its articles of association was entitled to hold examinations for architects, to award degrees and professional certificates, to arrange conferences and to define the legal and professional status of architects, who are holders of degrees, all with a view to organizing architects in Israel and to advancing the profession. Only the first of the four respondents was a professional architect, the others were not engaged in architecture at all, the fourth respondent being the legal adviser of the association.

So far, the association had issued only once certificate which was given to the first respondent and stated that he had proved, to the satisfaction of the association, that according to his professional standing, experience and skill he was entitled to the degree of a Building Architect. The certificate was signed by the second and fourth respondents.

Another charge brought against the first three respondents was based on the fact that on May 13 they published in "Al Hamishmar" an advertisement, announcing that an International Congress of Architecture would be held in Tel Aviv in 1955, and delegates of Architects and Engineers Associations all over the world would be invited.

Trial in District Court

On trial in the District Court, Counsel for the defence raised a preliminary objection. He argued that even if all the facts alleged in the charge sheet were correct, no offence was disclosed; he therefore asked to strike out the charge.

Judge Malhi in his order of January 3, 1954, accepting this argument, declared that the prosecution had not alleged that the accused intended to use any illegal means, to contravene any law or to harm professional interests. What the prosecution had alleged was that whatever may have been the ultimate purpose of the association, the means used to attain that purpose were illegal. Judge Malhi agreed that if he had to decide according to principles of morality and public order, he would support the view held by the prosecution. It was undoubtedly desirable, the Judge said, that the qualifications demanded of an architect should be defined by law, in the same manner as for medical practitioners and lawyers. But as long as no such law was enacted, section 105 could not be used to fill the gap.

The judge concluded that, in his view, section 105 was limited to cases of direct injury to the public, the Treasury or the Executive, and particularly to cases affecting the administration of justice. He accordingly acquitted the accused. The Attorney General appealed to the Supreme Court.

Judgment

Justice Cheshin, who delivered the judgment of the Court, dismissed the argument submitted by the Attorney General that the lower Court had erred in acquitting the respondents without calling on them to reply to the charge, and without hearing the prosecution witnesses. The question, the Justice said, whether or not the accused had done what was alleged in the charge sheet clearly was a question on which a reply could be given only after evidence had been heard. But the question whether the alleged acts constituted a public mischief according to section 105, could and had to be decided before any evidence was heard. If the question was answered in the negative, the judge had no choice but to acquit the accused at the outset.

Commenting on the further argument of the prosecution that the lower Court had erred in its interpretation of section 105, Justice Cheshin reiterated the view expressed in Cr.A. 53/54 that each case must be decided on its own merits. In the present case, deceit or fraud had not been alleged; what had been alleged was that it was undesirable that a non-governmental body shoud embark upon such activities. This was undoubtedly true, and it would be desirable to make an enactment similar to the Architect's (Registration) Act, which was passed in England in 1931. But according to the present state of our law, the respondents had done nothing unlawful. As the law stood today, anyone was free to call himself an architect, and no public mischief could therefore have been caused by the respondents.

The appeal was dismissed.

Judgment given on July 9, 1954.

For the appellant : The Attorney General.

For the respondent: Mr. I. Ben Yishai.

STILL A CHANCE FOR AVIVA

LONG BEACH, California, Monday (UP). — Universal International have chosen ten beauty queens, including Miss Israel, Aviva Pe'er, to appear in a technicolor musical short, the filming of which will begin on Wednesday and will last for four days. The Studio intimated that there might be contracts for some of the girls appearing in the film, and a number of other studios have indicated interest in some of the contestants.

Miss Miriam Stevenson, U.S. who was awarded the Miss Universe title, has announced that she would leave college where she is a senior, and would try to make a film career. Miss Stevenson won a six-month film contract with her title.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.; TEL AVIV: 38.2, 68.0 & 480 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 and 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.50 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.35 Light Music (R). 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal, Soloist: Menahem Meyerson: Concerto for Strings (Ben Haim); Symphony No. 88 (Haydn); Cello Concerto in B flat major (Boccherini); Overture "Leonore" No. 3 (Beethoven). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

466, 226, 365, 48.2 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (38.2, 24.9 & 4.60 M.): French: 7.30 p.m. Ladino: 8.00 p.m. Yiddish: 8.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (38.2 M.): 12.00 p.m. News. 12.10 "This Also Happened." 12.15 On Behalf of Israel. 12.30 Vocal Recital: Shoshana Damari.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow." 7.30 Light Music. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.40 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.80; 24.92; 30.63; 30.90 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. "This England..." Arts Chronicle.

VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (19.5, 19.6, 14.6 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated as 5.00-5.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.3 M.

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AT THE CINEMA

THE Soviet double feature at the Orion in Jerusalem is uncommonly refreshing. The Russians have a tradition of circus pictures, and "Daring Circus Youth" in discrete Agfacolour (based on a German I.G. Farben patent) is a delight to the arena fan. While the actor on the stage, the instrumental or vocal virtuoso can use technical tricks, there is no opportunity to deceive in classical ballet or in the ring: both media demand complete control of the body, a perfect technique and grace, although one can possibly get away with a lot on the screen.

What is so appealing about this new circus production is the vibrant tempo, the humour (not only the clowns'), and the esthetic accent on youth. The first class achievements of the daring young men and women on the flying trapeze are numberless. The incidental music adds to the gay mood. The stirring march-song has an unmistakable Isaac Dunayevsky touch and one waltz employs Khachaturian harmonics. The picture is preceeded by a three-reel attraction that is no less stimulating: the international Basketball competition, held in Moscow in 1953, prominently featuring the Israel team, doing very well.

Beds and Baths

"UN caprice de Caroline Cherie" has reached Jerusalem (Edison) There isn't an interior scene without a four-poster (no curtains) and the hip baths are of a liberality never before to my knowledge exhibited on the screen. This film is nothing for prudish spinsters of either sex or for vegetarians. With Martine Carol and Jean Tissier, and some splendid Oaris Grand Opera classical ballet. The incidental music is by Georges van Parys. FRANGO

When We Have Oil

A PREVIEW of what may happen in Israel when oil is finally struck is presented by the fine film "Tulsa" (at the "Armon David" in Tel Aviv). It takes the viewer to the booming, wide-open 'twenties in Oklahoma, where cow-punchers put up a fight to save their pastures from hideous oil derricks. In the happy, epic end a *modus vivendi* is found, as well as deserved happiness to the flaming heroine (exciting red-head Susan Hayward) the right and massive hero (manly Robert Preston) and defeat-with-honour to the big oil interests.

The story is served in bright technicolor at a well-paced dramatic pitch.

A word must be said about the authentic and wholly delightful Western music, about the genuine human and the easy naturalism of the film, the oil-drilling scenes bring out the excitement of hard team-work, and the tremendous oil-fields blaze is breath-taking. D.M.

Conrad's Outcast

"OUTCAST of the Islands" (Armon, Haifa) is a good film, founded on the Conrad novel of the ne'er-do-well who betrays his benefactor, and upsets the pattern of life in the Malayan village. The end is one of divine retribution: degradation absolute, the outcast disowned by his own people, despised by his native mistress and banned by the tribe. The story catches the Conrad spirit.

The only weak spot is the star Kerima, in the role of the chieftain's daughter. She has marvellous eyes and beautiful carriage but whether she is speaking to the lover whose language she cannot understand or to her own people whom she does, her face never changes. Trevor Howard the ne'er-do-well brilliantly declines to the depths from empty bragadoccio. Ralph Richardson, as Lingard the benefactor, the old hand, plays as competently as ever. Robert Morley, his partner, creates a living figure in Almayer, Lingard's partner. The natives, particularly the children, are excellent. H.

Yesterday's Press:

Cairo's 'Bellicose' Junta No Longer Conceals True Aims

Most Monday morning papers dealt with the danger of Egyptian aggression following the British evacuation of Suez and the transfer of important military bases and American arms to the Egyptians. "Davar" (Histadrut) notes that as long as the Egyptian rulers believed that agreement was not assured they refrained from proclaiming their intentions openly. By now they think agreement virtually certain and as they see no reason to disguise their real intentions any longer they declare that after Suez the Palestine question will be "solved," but "Davar" feels certain that a new Egyptian invasion will end the same way Farouk's war did.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says that while American policy in the Middle East wishes to guarantee peace and stability the bellicose declarations of the leaders of the Cairo Junta prove that it is effecting the very opposite. The paper thinks it would be a good idea if those who are working out the agreement, or pressing for the agreement on Suez would also give some thought to what will happen afterward.

"Herut" says that the danger to us lies not in the evacuation of British soldiers but in the transfer of large quantities of military equipment and bases to the Egyptians. The British army in Suez did not contribute to the defence of this country: On the contrary, in 1948/9 it prevented the full defeat of the retreating Egyptians. The paper says that the Israel army should be permitted to act as the decisive factor and put an end, once and for all to the intrigues against this country.

Guarantees Worthless

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) comments on the Egyptian threats, the worthless Western guarantees, and the anti-Israel line of the State Department and thinks that after the conference of the Israel diplomatic envoys in the West next month, radical decisions will possibly have to be taken.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) thinks it possible that the centre of gravity of the cold war will shift to the Middle East because the evacuation of Suez (and the ensuing aggressive war launched by the Egyptians) will create excellent conditions for the spread of Communism.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) again deals in its leading article with the impending split of the party and charges "Ahdut Ha'Avoda" with the full responsibility for it, while "Ha'aretz" (Independent) criticises Mr. S. Z. Shragai's plans for emigration from North Africa outlined at the Zionist General Council session. "Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on the struggle for organized labour and "Omer" (Histadrut), on a series of recent attacks on the Lebanese border.

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ROYAL CRUISE

ATHENS, Monday (UP).—Palace sources have announced that about 90 members of European Royal families will arrive in Greece late in August aboard the Greek liner Agamemnon on a 12-day cruise organized by the Greek Royal family.

Visitors will include Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of Holland and their two daughters; the Count of Paris; ex-King Umberto of Italy; the Spanish Pretender, Don Juan; and members of royalty from Denmark, Sweden and Luxembourg, as well as former royalty of Yugoslavia, Bavaria, Rumania and Bulgaria.

The cruise was called informal.

Nameless Arabs Must Ask Their Fathers

The Ministry of Interior last week reintroduced the Mandate authorities' system of registration for Arabs who have no surname. Orders have been circulated to all Government offices to adopt the new nomenclature, which consists of a personal name followed by the name of father and grandfather. Beduin tribesman will also take the name of their tribe if no family name exists.

The Ministry's Minorities Department explained that while urban Arabs usually adopted the Western system, rural Arabs hardly ever bothered about a surname. The multiplicity of popular names led to a great deal of confusion which should now be eliminated.

During the Mandate, there was a general system but no hard-and-fast rule for naming such Arabs. Thus, different offices registered the same person under different names. Over the past six years, the British system fell into abeyance, and disorder reigned.

Under the revived system, a woman will not take her husband's surname, but will also adopt her father's and grandfather's names. During the recent census of Arabs in the "Triangle" and of Beduin, officials discovered that many women did not know the names of their in-laws, not to speak of the names of their grandparents.

Ignorance of the identity of their forbears characterized many villagers and tribesmen in remote places. Lack of documentary evidence should prove an obstacle to the new method of registration.

The Minorities Department admitted that even under the improved system, confusion would probably arise from names handed down through the generations.

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Local Sports Round-Up

Salma Shines At Macc.-Police Meet

Maccabi's Yosef Salma captured the limelight at the light athletics meeting between Israel Maccabi Selected and the Police Selected, held on the Tel Aviv Stadium over the week-end (as briefly reported Sunday) with two good wins. This was the first time that the Police athletes competed against a civilian organization. The great heat was equalled by the tremendous efforts of the participants and the high standard of organization.

Salma waltzed home in a short distance event, the 800 metres, in two minutes 3.9 seconds, and, in his truer sphere, the long-distance 3,000 metres, arrived first in nine minutes 10.3 seconds, 200 metres in front of another acknowledged long-distance man, Lulu Hadad, (Police).

S. Schwartz kept the Police flag flying among the men, with two sprint victories: the 100 metres in 11.3 seconds, and the 200 metres in 23.3 seconds. Maccabi's girl A. Adir returned a good time of 8.3 seconds in winning the 60 metres in her section. Maccabi gained most firsts, especially in the field events, and (as reported), gained the honours by 191 points to 158.

RESULTS: MEN: 100m.: S. Schwartz (Police), 11.3 secs. 200m.: S. Schwartz, 23.3 secs. 800m.: Y. Salma (Mac.), 2.03.9. 3000 m.: Y. Salma, 9:10.3. RELAY 4X100m.: Maccabi, 46.2 secs. OLYMPIC RELAY: Maccabi, 3:37.2. 300m. WALK: Y. Levi (Police), 16:08.3 LONG JUMP: Ben Best (Mac.) 6.10m. HIGH JUMP: N. Levi (Mac.), 1.60 m. SHOT-PUT: B. Helman (Mac.), 12.7m. JAVELIN: A. Green (Mac.), 50.82m. DISCUS: Rabinowitz (Mac.), 34.90m. WOMEN: 60m.: A. Adir (Mac.), 8.3 secs. RELAY 4X60m.: Police (Mac. disqualified). HIGH JUMP: Gutman (Mac.), 1.20m. LONG JUMP: R. Meshulah (Mac.), 4.06m. SHOT-PUT: A. Karp (Police), 9.47m.

Holon Team To Yugoslavia

The Holon Hapoel basketball team leaving today for Yugoslavia to play a series of five or six games there, are : M. Hefetz, P. Cohen, S. Hodra, Y. Fels, D. Weinberg, Y. Pearlstein, H. Gormiano, R. Ornstein, A. Albo, Y. Zohar, and E. Lebeshits (of Tel Aviv Hapoel). With them go, Messrs. D. Wiseman, M. Gafni, and M. Shenben. The team might also play some games in Greece afterwards.

A.S.A. Team Eventually Leaves

Following difficulties with the Israel Amateur Sports Federation (in opposition) but with Foreign Office backing, the Academic Sports Association delegation left last Friday to take part in the International Students "Olympic Games" at Budapest, commencing July 31.

The delegation was therefore made up at the last moment, but eventually the invited number of 20 departed (a basketball team of 13, two athletes, two gymnasts, one coach and two escorts).

Non-Political

Leading the delegation is Adin Thellhaber, Chairman of the A.S.A. and prime mover in the establishment of the non-political Academic sports movement. With him is Itzhak Gellman, Chairman of the Technion sports body. The basketball team contains a number of Israel internationals.

The team: Ofri, M. Kurman, Y. Aloni, E. Bardan, S. Levi, Y. Yellin, E. Vasilofski, A. Ra'over, B. Rivere Amos Koper M. Mahti Y. Amitai and E. Lustig. Their coach is Israel's Olympic trainer Rosin.

Atara Polonski, Israel's discuss woman champion, and Leonov, University walk champion, who came second to the famous world champion, Henry Laskau, at the last Maccabia, are the two athletes, and Rahel Kusitz (Yehuda) and Eliezer Kaminski, the gymnasts.

SHENFER SET TWO RECORDS

The two new Israel youth swimming records in the Hapoel Shomron District championships at the Givat Haim Hapoel pool, on Saturday, were set by the host club's outstanding youngster Reuven Shenfer (not as given on Sunday) His times : 1:18.0 minute 100 m. butterfly and 1:23.0 minute 100 m. breast-stroke.

Givat Haim Hapoel have hit the headlines in recent swimming news, and Shenfer has regularly set up top performances. This 15-year-old shows definite promise with improved performances at every meet. To prove that his own club provide him with good opposition, the Givat Haim youth foursome equalled the 4x100 mixed relay time of 5:30.4 minutes.

More than 100 swimmers from five Hapoel branches in the Shomron, together with guest swimmers from Tel Aviv Hapoel, Brith Maccabim Atid and participants in a course at Petah Tikva Hapoel, also competed.



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Lydda Airport	69	21	33	33
Jerusalem	42	15	31	30
Beersheba	26	21	36	34
Eilat	18	26	40	40

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum temp. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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FOR OVERSTAYING the period of his tourist visa Alexander Schleifer, 35, was fined IL.50 yesterday with the alternative of a month in prison by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Schleifer entered the country in September 1952, and remained hereafter December 1952, when his visa expired. Imposing sentence Mr. Ehrlich, the Magistrate, said that persons staying in the country a long time should not misuse their position as tourists to avoid performing the duties of any resident here.

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FOR ENTERING the country illegally, four Arab youths from Gaza, former residents of Palestine, were sentenced to three months in prison by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. The youths told the Court that owing to the difficult economic situation in Gaza they had sailed in a small boat to Beirut where they had hoped to find work, but had been driven by a storm to the Israel coast.

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WORK STOPPED at the Hakorem Hatzair and Weinstein orange groves in Rehovot yesterday, as local employees went through the groves searching for non-organized workers. The management of Hakorem Hatzair has agreed to employ organized workers, and work will be resumed there today.

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THIRTY BOYS, aged 15 and 16, completed two years of intensive agricultural and pre-military training at the Wizo-Gadna farm at Afula this week.

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AN ESHED BUS service between the Shuval settlements in the northern Negev and Beersheba and Tel Aviv was opened yesterday, and will operate twice a day in each direction.

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THE TEL AVIV ZOO, which this year celebrated its 15th birthday, was visited last year by 300,000 persons, of whom 150,000 were children, the Municipality announced yesterday.

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FRIDAY, JULY 30 will be the last day for registration for the School of Dentistry, the Hebrew University announced yesterday.

Hotels Protest Cut In Meat Ration

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Hotel Association here today protested the Food Controller's decision, announced yesterday, to cut meat rations to hotels by 50 per cent.

The Association argues that the number of tourists this month has increased markedly as compared with last month, and that the demand for meat is consequently even higher than before. Meat is the basic dish in hotels catering to tourists.

The ration cut is due to last for a few weeks with a ration of fish fillet replacing it. But hotel circles fear that it signifies only the first step towards the lifting of all meat controls which will mean that hotels will have to pay higher prices for meat.

Owners of cafes and restaurants in the city together with representatives from all over the country are meeting in the Z.O.A. House on Wednesday to protest high income taxes.

The restaurants claim that despite a continuous decline in business, they are still required to pay according to past high assessments of their establishments and profits.

AGUDA PLANNING NEW CONSCRIPTION PROTESTS

The Grand Rabbinical Council of Agudat Yisrael is to meet in Jerusalem this morning to discuss methods of resisting the implementation of the National Service Law for Orthodox women. The meeting follows a report that a Ministry of Labour committee, formed to consider work places for the women, was about to report back to the Ministry.

In the afternoon, local rabbis are to meet to declare Thursday a day of prayer, and in the evening Agudat Yisrael's National Public Committee for the abrogation of the Law is to meet.

HOLON SENDS 'ARMS' TO BELGRADE

HOLON, Monday. — The coat of arms of Holon, in copper, is being sent by the Mayor of Holon to the Mayor of Belgrade, through the local Hapoel basketball team which is leaving this week for a series of games in Yugoslavia.

The team will play six games throughout the country.

NO THOROUGH EXAMINATION

Dr. Alex Gottesman, the Haifa physician, told the commission inquiring into the death of Amos Tivon, that "pupils were enlisted into the Gadna without being given a thorough medical examination."

Dr. W. Falk, head of the Rambam Hospital's Children's Department, stated that sports education in Israel was at a very low level.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: 750 gms. slaughtered and plucked chicken: Invalids, instead of 500 gms. frozen meat, July 28 coupon. 400 gms. fish fillet or 15 eggs may also be substituted. **TEL AVIV:** Chicken: Children, 250 gms., 600 pr., Yud 26, Invalids, 500 gms., 1,200 pr., Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 4, 750 gms. of chicken, 1,800 pr., or 400 gms. fish fillet or 15 eggs for Het Gimmel 4. Expectant mothers, 750 gms., coupons 1 and 2, 1,800 pr. Elderly persons, 500 gms., 1,200 pr., Mem Heh 12. Coffee for July: 500 gms. pure roasted coffee, Dalet and Heh cards, 200 pr., Kuf 22, Temp. 28.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: Invalids, Het Aleph 1, 4, Het Bet 4, 8, Het Gimmel 4, 8 Expectant mothers, End of Ration 2, 8, coupon 20. Vegetarians, end of Ration 2, 5, Kuf 19 and 20 Chicken: Children in Petach Tikva and Natanya, 250 gms., Yud 26, Temp. 44, Invalids, 500 gms., Het Aleph 1 and 2, Het Bet 3 and 4, 750 gms. chicken or 400 gms. fish fillet or 15 eggs for Het Gimmel 4. Filled chocolate: Children, 1 package, no coupons, Temp. 33, 200 pr.

Army Personnel Get Preview Of Today's Airforce Celebration

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A fire demonstration by fighters and bombers near an air base "somewhere in Israel" today, formed the overture to Airforce Day to be celebrated tomorrow. The display was watched by the Acting Chief of Staff, Aluf Yosef Avidar, Airforce, Army and Navy gunners and other high ranking officers, members of the Burmese Military Mission and high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Defence.

It was one of the routine fire demonstrations for military personnel only, Aluf Dan Tolkowsky, O.C. Airforce, told military correspondents t day. In future, the general public may be admitted to a show of this kind.

The Meteor jets, recently acquired, gave their first show of strafing. Other aircraft dropped Napalm and ordinary bombs.

Tomorrow, the Airforce will celebrate its seventh birthday in a manner which has become traditional: ground parades and sports events, with special dinners at bases. On the following day, there will be a re-union of active and reserve officers of the Airforce, while the evening will be a strictly Airforce family affair at the Jaffa Luna Park, "that will be a token reward for the wives and families of our airmen, for the families suffer most from the exigencies of the Airforce" Aluf Tolkowsky said.

Reviewing the development of the Airforce during the past year, the Officer Commanding noted the maturity which most branches of the service had attained. He particularly praised the Technical Sergeants whose very high standard kept the aircraft in perfect flying condition. It was partly because of the technicians' skill that the airforce could so easily "digest" the jets.

While endeavouring to keep abreast of the demands of modern techniques, the Airforce believed that both jet and ordinary aircraft were needed in this part of the globe.

The Jerusalem Biblical Ballet is to perform tomorrow at an Airforce Base "somewhere in Israel."

Airforce Need You, Youth Told

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Aluf Dan Tolkowsky, Commanding Officer Airforce, asked young persons to join the air crews of the Force to strengthen this branch of the armed forces. He spoke at a reception given by Mayor Haim Levanon to the Airforce Command on the occasion of the Force's seventh anniversary.

The Mayor recalled the days during the War of Liberation, when every citizen had looked up, searching for airforce planes when the skies were free to the enemy. He thanked the Airforce for its achievements.

Mr. M. Bdolach spoke on behalf of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee.

The reception, attended by city dignitaries and by cadres attending an air crew school, was held at the Municipal Council Hall, with the Airforce Band in attendance.

Road Blocked To Garbage Collectors

Residents of Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, who have long been protesting the flies and fumes caused by the city garbage dumped at their door, yesterday blocked the road to the dustmen, who called for police to help move the demonstrators.

A girl was slightly injured by the garbage vehicle when the driver attempted to pass the human roadblock, according to a statement issued by the Givat Shaul Residents' Committee.

Last week, householders of Givat Shaul and Kiryat Moshe urged Mayor Karlv to transfer the garbage dump. He asked for a week's grace to test the improvement made by a compressor which began work on the heap a few days ago.

The Sanitary Department explained that this compressor reduced the rubbish to a tenth of its normal bulk, and lessened the danger of vermin. It also eliminated the need to burn refuse. Clouds of smoke continue to billow over the neighbourhood, however.

The Minister of Health has frequently urged removal of the nuisance to a site away from residential area. The Municipality fixed on a site, but the Public Works Department objected to their choice.

The demonstrators finally were persuaded to disperse after being promised that on its part, the Municipality would take steps to remove the offensive rubbish dump.

'Ben Gurion Would Stay At Sde Boker'

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Mr. David Ben Gurion would stay in Sde Boker even if the village were to join one of the political settlement organizations, kibbutz members said here today. The former Prime Minister had joined Sde Boker because it was not affiliated to any movement, but he has now said that he would continue living there even if it decided to join one.

Settlement members stress, however, that there is absolutely no intention of joining any movement, as they wish to retain their independence. The members are of various political affiliations but wish to live in a "non-political" village. They deny rumours that they have considered joining the Kibbutz Hameuhad movement.

Mr. Ben Gurion is still confined to bed in the Tel Hashomer hospital which he entered for treatment for lumbago last week.

ROCK BLOCKS PASSENGER TRAIN

The early afternoon passenger train to Jerusalem was delayed for three hours yesterday by a rock, weighing several tons, which had rolled on to the tracks from surrounding hills at kilometre 73 before Hartuv.

It came to rest on the tracks only a short while before the train was scheduled to pass, but railmen succeeded in halting the train in time.

Passengers worked together with railmen and additional workers called from Hartuv, and after an hour succeeded in removing the obstruction.

The train proceeded without further incident. *(Ilim.)*

SUSPECT DISMISSED

HADERA, Monday. — The Labour Council met here today and decided to dismiss one of its members, David Boroshek, who is suspected of having mishandled funds paid by local employers into the Mivtahim Provident Fund of the Histadrut.

A Mapam member of the Council stated that his Party had already expelled Boroshek from its ranks, and that he no longer represented it in any Histadrut bodies.

Corrupt Jordan Official Gets Another Job

The director of Radio Ramallah, Thabet N. Khalidi, who was recently found guilty of corruption, has been transferred to another post in Amman, the Old City weekly, "Al-Sareeh," reports.

Cuts Voted In Haifa Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Monday. — The Town Council this evening voted a cut of IL.326,190 in the current budget, reducing it to IL.11,540,000. The General Zionist and Communist Councillors voted against this suggestion worked out and presented by Deputy Mayor Y. Nussbaum. The principal reductions will be made from education, IL. 70,000; sanitation, IL.67,500; public works, IL.82,000; Town Hall Building, IL.25,000; Health, IL.18,000; Welfare, IL.13,000; and Culture, IL.10,000.

Mr. Nussbaum said that the reductions would be brought about not through a curtailment of services, but through saving, and promised that services would not be reduced as a result. Announcing that the Government had reduced its IL.700,000 grant to the Municipality by IL.100,000, Mr. Nussbaum stated that the relations between the town and the Interior Ministry now bordered on the scandalous.

Mayor Abba Khoushy announced that in order to help Mount Carmel hoteliers, whose situation was grave, the Municipality had agreed to reduce taxes from 15 per cent to 10 per cent for those not charging more than IL.8.500 daily. The agreement had been made with the Hoteliers' Association and would hold good until the end of October. He advised pensions that good services and food would still draw guests.

In reply to General Zionist questions, Mr. Nussbaum said that the Flower Festival had cost the Municipality IL.28,700 and had brought in IL.38,250, providing a net profit of IL. 9,500 which had been transferred to the Municipal Welfare Department.

Majority Says Split In Mapam 'Inevitable'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The unofficial views of the majority of Mapam, led by Messrs. Ya'ari and Hanaa, were that the dispute with Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda was "hopeless" and that a split in the Party was inevitable.

Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda, however, which is reluctant to break with the Party, said today that there were hints in today's leading article of "Al Hamishmar" that a *rapprochement* was possible.

Consequently, Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda will not publish its fortnightly "Lamerhav" this week, pending a formal reply to the decisions of the conference of its members on the Party Council which were submitted yesterday to the Party's Secretariat. "Al Hamishmar" stated today that no Party could operate without the majority having the final say on all issues. Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda wants the Party to try a system of parity committees for six months.

Mapam majority circles stated today that no further talks were contemplated, and that the minority would be asked not to publish "Lamerhav." If it is published, the contributers will be expelled.

USOM CHIEF VISITS CAPITAL

The new head of the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel, Dr. Lincoln Hale, visited Jerusalem yesterday. He paid courtesy calls on the Ministers of Interior, Labour and Social Welfare as well as on the Chairmen of the Jewish Agency Executive, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Beri Locker.

Tomorrow, Dr. Hale will start his second two-day tour of the Negev during which he will visit Sdom and the potash and phosphate works.

Soldier Prisoners Produce Equipment to Earn Keep

HAIFA, Monday. — The Military Police opened the Army's prisons in the Northern Area to the Press yesterday, to let the public know how soldiers in Israel's "glasshouses" spend their "time."

The Army's prisons are divided into three grades. The first is the "guard room," to which an offender can be sent after a trial before a judiciary officer, (ha'tzin shiput), the second is the detention camp, to which a soldier can be sentenced for a maximum of 28 days by a senior judiciary officer, and the third is the prison, to which only a court martial can send a soldier. For reasons of thrift and efficiency, the detention camps and prisons have now been amalgamated.

Treatment differs for disciplinary offenders, who make up the majority, criminal and traffic offenders. The criminal offenders constitute the small minority (3.7 per cent last year), and those serving sentences of over one year are sent to civilian prisons. Last year, 11 per cent of the prisoners returned for a second period.

The usual military time table is kept in the prisons, with employment and exercises for prisoners. These include gardening and agriculture; renovation of mattresses and steel helmets, cutting and parcelling rags for military garages and cutting up old beds into stakes for barbed wire fences. Prisoners must fulfil production "norms," and the output of helmets and mattresses is enough to supply the Army's needs. Considerable quantities of agricultural produce are also sent out from the prisons. In addition, the prisoners have their daily drill and exercises, with emphasis on "spit and polish," and very careful regulations on cleanliness and order in the cells. Detainees and traffic offenders are lodged in tents.

Five Cigarettes Daily

Prisoners are allowed five cigarettes daily, may write and receive letters and are allowed visitors twice weekly. When entering prison, the soldier is informed that if he behaves properly he need serve only two thirds of his sentence. He is then acquainted with prison regulations.

The prison officers, to enforce discipline, may deprive prisoners of certain rights by withholding mail and the cigarette ration, reducing their good conduct remission and by disallowing visitors. In the rare cases, when all these fail, the prison commander may finally sentence the offender to a maximum of seven days in solitary confinement.

Besides work and exercise, prisoners are given lessons, especially in the Hebrew language, lectures, two film shows monthly, and sport days on Saturdays. Great stress is placed on instruction, as last year 17 per cent of all prisoners were illiterate.

While the guards at the gates, on roofs and watch towers are drawn at random from the Military Police, the warders, who have contact with the prisoners, are fro 1 specially trained cadres. They are never armed, for psychological reasons, and never serve as guards. The prisons are under the constant control of the M.P. authorities, and their regulations are approved by the Defence Minister. A prison officer has the right to give prisoners 72 hours leave on compassionate or social grounds. Prisoners are not accompanied by guards on these leaves, but so far no prisoner has failed to return. Prisoners and staff draw the same rations, and prisoners have the right to ask for an interview with the prison commander.

The time spent in prison is not counted as Army service, and no pay is given for the time in prison. Support payments for the soldier's family is also stopped while he is serving his sentence.

In the prisons for girl soldiers, conditions are similar, but because of the small number of inmates, work consists mainly of cleaning and kitchen help.

In 1953, 31 per cent of prisoners were sentenced for being absent without leave, (many of them came from poorer families and had gone home to help them), 1.8 per cent for desertion, 10 per cent for disciplinary offences and 32 per cent for traffic offences.

NATANYA MAN DEAD AFTER ROAD ACCIDENT

NATANYA, Monday. — Mr. Yitzhak Bukshaahtar, 57, of Natanya, died this afternoon in the Sharon Hospital, Petah Tikvah from injuries suffered in an auto accident on the Natanya-Bet Lid road earlier in the morning.

Mr. Bukshaahtar, who was born in Rosh Pina and was Chairman of the Central Parents' Committee of Natanya, leaves a wife, a son and two daughters. The funeral will take place here at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

TA Maternity Hospital A 'White Elephant'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The huge, seven-storey municipal maternity hospital at Hakirya, with its 3,000 square metres of floor space, has become a city "white elephant." The half-finished building on which IL.-800,000 has been spent during the four years of construction, cannot serve as a maternity hospital, as statistics indicate a sharp drop in the national birth rate, and the hospitals which have been built in the past four years can easily handle all birth cases.

In order to find a solution to the problem, the directorate of the Hospital has appointed an inquiry committee composed of Deputy Mayor M. Ichilov, Councillor E. Peri, the District Health Officer, Dr. Roch, the Director of the Municipal Hospital, Dr. A. Abramovitz, the City Engineer, M. Amlas and his Deputy, Dr. C. Levin. The Committee will hear testimony by hospitalisation experts.

Cables in Brief

GUATEMALA. — Britain yesterday accorded full recognition to the new Guatemalan Government.

WESTERN. — William McLeod Raine, a well-known writer of "Western" fiction, died at Denver, Colorado, yesterday, at the age of 83.

SUMMER. — Heavy rains during the entire weekend have marred England's holiday season, and floods have been reported from Cornwall and Devonshire.

PRESS. — The Indian Press Commission has recommended the breaking up of newspaper cartels in the country. A report showed that India has 330 newspapers with a total circulation of 2,600,000 for a population of 356 million.

POWER. — Israel is among 34 nations represented at the World Electric Power Congress which opened in Petropolis, Brazil, yesterday.

NOAH. — The U.S. Embassy in Ankara is examining Turkish newspaper reports that American climbers have sighted remains of Noah's Ark on the summit of Mt. Ararat.

IRAN. — The Iranian Embassy in Cairo yesterday denied local reports that Iran intended to recognize Israel soon.

Glueck Describes New Discoveries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At a reception in his honour at the home of the President of the Hebrew University and Mrs. Mazar on Sunday evening, Professor Nelson Glueck briefly described some of the results of his latest explorations in the Negev.

"The wilderness of Zin and the 'deserts' of the Negev and Sinai were no desert," Dr. Glueck stated.

Over 200 ancient settlements have already been mapped by Dr. Glueck and when the survey is completed the number will probably be doubled. These were not temporary, nomadic settlements but rather permanent settlements with houses, wells, cisterns and a highly developed water system. Canals sometimes skirted five mountains to bring the scanty rainwater of the area to the central cisterns. The pottery found at the sites is also indicative of a highly developed culture.

The survey confirmed the theory that the Nabataean kingdom extended far beyond Petra and the main cities usually connected with it.

The most important discovery of this year is undoubtedly the fact that the Negev, even during the days of Abraham, was supporting a sedentary population. "When Abraham went to Egypt, he did not go through a wilderness but rather through a well-inhabited territory which could support his large flocks. 'And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold.'"

Dr. Glueck does not find anything extraordinary in the results of his exploration. "If you follow the water-holes, main roads and mountain paths, you are bound to find traces of ancient occupation," he says. "Every person who is crazy enough to persist in his search will find the cities and villages of the Patriarchs as well as of the Nabateans."

Home for Homeless Near Jerusalem

An institution for homeless youths in the Bet Shemesh *ma'abara* area in the Jerusalem Corridor was dedicated yesterday by the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Moshe Shapira. "Miftan," which was established by the Ministry for Social Welfare in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the Ministries of Education and Labour, will teach carpentry to 15 boys, with a view to providing them later with employment in the Shimshon cement factory.

The institution is aimed at making these homeless youth productive citizens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. AMIR

THE HAGUE, Monday (UP). — A memorial service was held today in The Hague synagogue for the Israel Minister, Dr. M. Amir, who died here last month.

The service, led by Chief Rabbi Rodrigues Pereira, was attended by representatives of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard, by Premier Willem Drees, Foreign Minister Johan Beyen, and Minister for Overseas Territories Willem Kernkamp, and by diplomats and Jewish authorities.

The Israel Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, has accepted the honorary presidency of a committee of Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg Jewish leaders which is planning to sponsor a wood in Israel to commemorate Dr. Amir.

APPOINTMENTS TO BENCH

The Appointments Committee of the Ministry of Justice is to recommend the appointment of one Supreme Court Justice, one District Court Judge and 12 Magistrates when it meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Most of the Magistrates are to serve on Rent Tribunals.

Judges promoted from one Court to another will continue to hear the cases now before them.

Council Meeting Ends in Blows

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Monday. — The Town Council session ended in blows here this evening when a Mapam Councillor insisted on reading a statement over the opposition of the Mayor, Mr. Moshe Sachar. The dispute between the Coalition (Mapai, Religious Bloc) and the Opposition (General Zionist and Mapam) began a week ago when the latter proposed a non-confidence vote against the Mayor because he had rented Municipal premises to his Party. The proposal was voted down, and the Opposition Councillors read statements critical of the Mayor's conduct.

The Coalition countered today by reading statements of their own justifying the Mayor and charging the Opposition with lack of public responsibility. It was at this point that the Mapam Councillor wanted to have the last word. The Mayor pointed out that his statement was not on the agenda. When the Mapam Councillor went on reading, a ten minute round of fighting began, which ended when the Councillors had had enough.

The police were notified and the Opposition members walked out in protest.

Youth Aliya Getting Stephen Wise Award

Youth Aliya will be the recipient of the $1,000 Stephen Wise Award for 1953 at a luncheon to be held in Jerusalem on Thursday. The award was established during the lifetime of Dr. Wise on his 75th birthday and is made to individuals or institutions in four major fields of activity with which Dr. Wise was prominently identified. These are the growth and development of Israel, the welfare of Jews throughout the world, Jewish education, scholarship and culture and civic rights and liberties in the U.S.

Inscribed on a special parchment, the award will refer to the outstanding contribution to human happiness and Jewish welfare made by Youth Aliya during the past 20 years in rescuing and rehabilitating 65,000 children from over 72 lands.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the American Jewish Congress, who is in Jerusalem to attend the current meetings of the Zionist General Council, will make the award.

French Tanker Sails To Turkey with Acid

HAIFA, Monday. — The French tanker, the s.s. Aguedal, sailed for Turkey this morning from the Kishon harbour, with 650 tons of sulphuric acid from the Fertilizers and Chemicals plant here.

The vessel has been waiting to sail since June 3, but was unable to take the cargo to the Turkish port as no adequate installation to receive it had been set up there. Modern facilities have now been constructed there, and in future the ship will carry a load of sulphuric acid regularly every week.

PAYING DOUBLE RATES IN CAPITAL

Hamekasher, the Jerusalem bus cooperative, and banks in the Capital, are now obliged to pay double the Municipal business rate in force during last budgetary year, according to a decision of the City Council. They are taxed IL.1,000 for the year 1954-55, instead of IL.500. Other highly taxed concerns are the petrol companies which pay IL.800 instead of IL.500.

GARDENER'S BODY FOUND IN WADI

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The body of Shlomo Ostrovsky, 47, a gardener at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, was found sunk in the muddy bank of the Wadi Musrara near Ramat Gan today.

The man had been missing since last Friday when he left the hotel, where he lived alone, for the weekend. Police began a search for him a few days later when his absence was reported. He was found by Ramat Gan Municipality workers who were spraying the wadi with D.D.T.

Mr. Ostrovsky was in the habit of walking along the Yarkon River bank after work on his way to his sisters' home across the Wadi Musrara in a Ramat Gan suburb, according to a reliable source at the hotel. It is believed that he became stuck in the mud while preparing to cross the wadi or while inspecting some vegetation. As a gardener, he was in the habit of examinin the flora on the river banks on his regular excursions.

While police have not as yet completely discounted the possibility of murder, there does not appear to be any special motive. The man's clothes and personal effects do not seem to have been disturbed.

Mr. Ostrovsky worked at the Ramat Aviv Hotel during the past few months, and was responsible for the recent landscape work there. He was known as a good-humoured, pleasant man.

Before coming to the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Mr. Ostrovsky was a gardener at the Israel Embassy in Paris.

Manufacturers Told: — Good Market For Israel in Greece

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Greek market is open to international competition and is coveted by exporters from all over Europe, but experience during the past year has shown that Israel products have a fair chance of success there if they are of good quality, attractively made, and can be offered at competitive prices. Mr. Moshe Sasson, in charge of commercial affairs at the Israel Legation in Athens, told this to an audience of manufacturers here today. He was urging them to participate in the next Salonica fair which will be open from September 5 to 25.

Israel's participation in the Salonica fair for the first time a year ago had proved an unqualified success. The import quota for Israel had been fixed at Israel's own request at £80,000, but actually orders amounting to £121,000 have been received. It was this success which had since led to the conclusion of a clearing agreement between the National Banks of the two countries.

In this agreement, no ceiling had been fixed for trade transactions, nor had any list been made out of the goods to be imported or exported. The credit "swing" was put at $150,000, but it could be extended in case of need. Disagio is applied to the proceeds of Israel exports to Greece and private barter deals will also be tolerated for the time being if approved by both administrations.

Greek imports to Israel mainly include agricultural produce, such as tobacco, rice, currants and caroba. Israel goods which find customers in Greece are manufactured articles of all kinds, but textiles would have to meet local competition which is of excellent quality and protected by tariff. To date, over 30 exhibitors have booked space in the Israel pavilion in Salonica but there is room for double that number.



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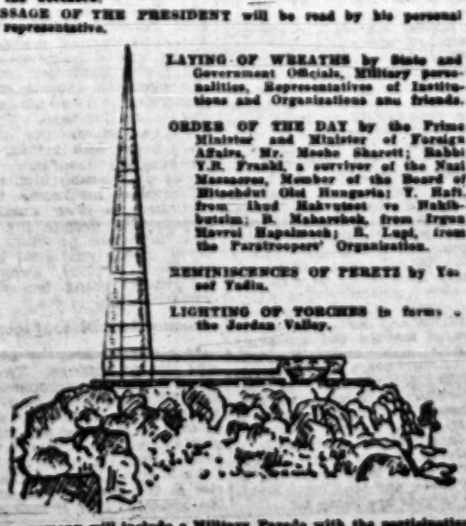
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Schedule of The Memorial Ceremony in Honour of The Late Paratrooper PERETZ GOLDSTEIN

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OPENING ADDRESS by M. Danzig, member of Ma'agan.
UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT by Y. Goldstein, father of the deceased.
MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT will be read by his personal representative.



LAYING OF WREATHS by State and Government Officials, Military personalities, Representatives of Institutions and Organizations and friends.

ORDER OF THE DAY by the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett; Rabbi Y.R. Frankl, a survivor of the Nazi Massacres, Member of the Board of Hitachdut Olei Hungaria; Y. Haft, from Ihud Hakvutzot ve Hakibbutzim; B. Maharshek, from Irgun Havrai Hapalmach; S. Lapi, from the Paratroopers' Organization.

REMINISCENCES OF PERETZ by Yossef Yadlin.

LIGHTING OF TORCHES in forms of the Jordan Valley.

The ceremony will include a Military Parade with the participation of a Paratroopers Unit and the Army Band. Attendants of the ceremony will visit the meshek after the meeting.

The management of "Egged" will provide transportation by special buses to the persons invited. Buses will wait till after the ceremony to return guests to town.

In TEL AVIV the buses will start from Citrus House at 2.30 p.m.; in HAIFA they will depart from near the Press Agency, 3 Rehov Herzl, at 3.30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in the buses.
Price of tickets from Tel Aviv and return: IL.1.500.
From Haifa and return: IL.4.500.

SITTING ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL.

Economic News from Abroad

● More vessels have been included in the U.S. reserve fleet, which now comprises approximately 2.6m. tons, numbering 1,476 "Liberty" ships, 259 "Victories" and five "Mariners."

● Middle East oil production rose to a new peak of 31.7m. tons in the first quarter of 1954 against 28.1m. tons in the same period last year. Production in Saudi Arabia was 11.3m. tons.

● The Iranian budget for the fiscal year 1954-55 envisages a revenue of $130.8m., of which $37.8m. are expected to come from oil if a settlement is achieved. Expenditure is estimated at $129m., of which $149m. are "unavoidable."

● The Agricultural Development Finance Corporation of Pakistan reduced the rate of interest from 6¼ per cent to 5 per cent for individuals and to 4 per cent for cooperatives. The maximum loan period is 20 years.

● A three-year programme to acquire 200,000 flasks of domestic and Mexican mercury at $225 a flask has been announced by the U.S. administration. In view of the current shortage of mercury, this move will encourage the re-opening of high-cost mines.

● Courtaulds, Britain's largest rayon manufacturers have followed the example of ICI, launching a profit-sharing scheme for their 23,500 employees.

● A long-range £70m. development plan has been announced by the new Central Africa Federation. Of this, £30m. are to be spent on transport improvements, and the rest mainly on schools and other social services for Africans, and on hydro-electric power for mining and industry.

● In the first four years after the second World War, only one half of U.S. exports (excluding military aid) namely $35 billion, were covered by sales of foreign goods and services to the U.S. The resulting deficit was made up by American gifts and loans and by the withdrawal of $7 billion from foreign gold and dollar reserves. In the second four-year period, 1950-1953, American gifts and loans declined by about half while American imports rose so that they paid for 92 per cent of expo ts and even sufficed to recoup the gold reserves used and to add another $750m. to them.

● More people were at work in Britain in June than ever before and the rate of unemployment was down to 1.1 per cent. Buoyant industrial output and engineering activity brought about fairly acute shortages of skilled labour.

Makhteshim Starts Production

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

THE first of Beersheba's heavy industries has just gone into production. It is the chemical factory of "Makhteshim Ltd.", based mainly on raw materials obtained in the Negev and intended to supply the country with most of its plant protection materials, and several other vital chemicals. "Makhteshim Ltd." is a subsidiary of the "Nir" company, which provided agricultural credits to labour settlements for over 20 years. Established with the help of first-rate chemical experts it is likely to become one of the major ventures of our chemical industry.

Almost all our insecticides, fungicides and herbicides have so far been imported. "Makhteshim Ltd." is now to produce the active ingredients for representative materials of each of these three categories, and three separate plants have been built. One is for DDT, still the most commonly used insecticide. It will have a productive capacity of 350 tons of pure DDT, i.e., double the present Israel consumption (of which approximately two-thirds are used by agriculture and the rest for sanitation purposes). The plant has been built according to an agreement with J. R. Geigy, of Basle, the inventor of DDT.

The second plant is to produce cuprum-suboxide, a fungicide similar to the Prenox of ICI production, which has been widely used in this country. It will have a capacity of 750 tons a year, i.e. about three times the present consumption of Israel agriculture. In the third plant, the organic herbicide known as 2-4-D will be produced for spraying by hand, mechanically and from the air. The country's present consumption is about 20 tons a year and the plant will be able to cover it easily in a month. The buildings for all the three plants have been completed and the machinery is now being installed, so that they may start production this year.

Chlorine Basic Chemical

The central plant of the factory complex, however, is already working to produce the chlorine which is the basic material required for all three insecticides. It is obtained by electrolysis from ordinary salt, which will ultimately be supplied from the Dead Sea Company when it is pure enough. The capacity of this plant is three tons of chlorine a day i.e. over 1,000 tons a year, of which about 500 are needed for "Makhteshim" itself, while the rest is to be sold to other consumers.

As a matter of fact, not more than 60 tons of chlorine have been used in Israel in recent years, but when local supply becomes abundant we may consume twice as much, mainly for sanitary uses. Large quantities of chlorine are also expected to be absorbed in the future by the textile industry, by the bromine industry projected by the Dead Sea Company, and by other chemical works.

Copper Needed

Other raw materials needed by "Makhteshim" are alcohol (for DDT), which will be obtained from local factories, and copper (for the fungicide) which will be imported as long as no pure copper is produced locally. For preparing the ready-for-use dusting and spraying materials, large quantities (6,000-7,000 tons a year) of kaolin clay (from the Makhtesh Hagadol) will also be required as a "filler."

Formulation Plant

For this last part of the production process, a special "formulation plant" has been established. There the ingredients produced at the three plants mentioned above will be diluted and adapted to practical use. It has put various compounds of DDT, aldrene, dialdrene, nicotine, lindane, and sulphuric insecticides on the market during the past few weeks.

The sulphuric dust powder made at the factory is a good example of savings achieved in foreign currency even when the basic ingredient is imported. This fine powder used to cost us approximately $54 a ton f.o.b. Now "Makhteshim" is importing crude sulphur priced at about $30 a ton, from Texas, and additional savings are achieved because of cheaper ocean freight for bulk cargo. Four hundred tons of sulphur compounds (with appropriate filler content) were sold to farmers in June. For all plant protection materials "Makhteshim's" distributing agents are "ICI" and "Hamashbir Hamerkazi," while ICI is sole agent for other chemicals.

IL.3m. Invested

Total investment in the "Makhteshim" factory amounts to over IL.3 m., of which IL.250,000 were obtained as a loan from the Treasury and another IL.250,000 have been promised (by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry) out of the current Development Budget. One hundred employees are already at work at the factory, and when it reaches full production, the payroll will rise to 150. All the engineers and chemists are housed with their families in Beersheba, in houses provided by the company.

INDUSTRIAL ZONES TO BE SCREENED

THE autonomy of local authorities in establishing industrial zones and inducing factories to move into them will be greatly curtailed by a new decision to subject the establishment of industrial zones for approval by a coordinating committee composed of representatives of the Ministries of Labour, Interior, Commerce and Industry, and the Prime Minister's Office.

The committee will have to see to it that no zones are established in localities lacking the prerequisites of industrial development, water, electricity and labour, both skilled and unskilled and suitable transportation facilities. So far the allocation of tracts of land to industrial use has in many instances resulted in inflating their prices and halting their agricultural development without an industrial centre arising.

Accidents Reduced

AFTER several years of continuous rise, the number of industrial accidents showed a steep drop in 1953 as a result of more stringent enforcement of safety rules and closer supervision by the Ministry of Labour. The total number of accidents registered in industry and transport climbed from 8,740 in 1949 to 22,280 in 1952. Last year, however, it fell to 18,140 and the number of fatal accidents was halved (40 against 75).

The improvements were most marked in the metal industry (3,670 accidents against 4,690 in 1952), in the building trade, including quarries (3,970 accidents compared with 4,900) and in the stone, cement and glass industries (1,030 against 1,230), but most other industries also showed better results. Only in railways and posts was there a slight increase.

Most common causes of accidents are: "injury from falling objects or striking against them, slipping and falling," in which negligence on the part of workers themselves plays a great role. About 60 per cent of all accidents registered came under this heading. There was, however, an increase in the number of casualties from machinery and explosions.

FIRMS TO EXHIBIT GOODS IN BURMA

Considerable interest has been shown by various industries in the proposed exhibition of Israel manufactured products in Burma which is being organized by the Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. About 40 firms in Tel Aviv and vicinity have already declared their intention to participate in this exhibition, among them are producers of mechanical equipment, textiles, and leather.

Prospects of Israel trade with Burma are considered favourable by our Rangoon Legation. The Manufacturers' Association is also participating in the project. Mr. Moshe Bejerano, Director of the Assis Company, is now staying in Rangoon to assist in establishing closer connections with Burmese trade circles (Assis has long-standing connections with the Far Eastern market).

WEEK ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

THE five-day week was again dull. The stock exchange committee decided that the exchange should be closed on Fridays until September 15, similar to practice elsewhere. The outstanding change during the week under report was a drop of 24 points in PALESTINE POTASH ordinary shares. This security appeared overvalued for some time and tired holders seemed to be willing to dispose and under the present circumstances, where demand is negligible, all offers tend to reduce prices considerably. There were also some offers in JERUSALEM ELECTRIC shares which lost 12 points and the PALESTINE ELECTRIC (LONDON REGISTER), which dropped 8 points.

TAVEI DOLLAR underwent some fluctuation but prices were practically unchanged in comparison with last week's quotations, while MILVEH MILCHAMA lost 2 points. BANK LEUMI shares advanced 4 points while NESHER "B" debentures gained 2 points, having been marked for a few days, however, "buyers only." The coupon of NESHER "B" debentures due on August 1 was cut but no financial dealing was made for this capital coupon as the dispute between the company and debenture holders with reference to the excise payment is still unsettled. According to newspaper reports moreover the price of cement will increase by IL.4 per ton, as of August 1, a bullish feature for Nesher Debentures.

Two new securities were introduced: the 8% PALESTINE BREWERY LIMITED debenture at 102½ and PALESTINE COLD STORAGE shares at 215. The latter have already dropped by one point.

MILVE CHOVA, which are being handled outside the stock exchange, showed a smaller turnover than during the previous week with prices fluctuating between 56 and 59 per cent. It appears that only a small proportion of the securities has been so far collected, most holders preferring not to sell at current prices.

New York

AFTER some hesitation and a slight profit taking, Wall Street finished on a cheerful note with the DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS average as well as the Rails average closing at their best levels since October, 1929 and 1930 respectively. During the week, turnovers reached a high of 3 million shares. The market was stimulated by a number of factors, including a motion by the House of Representatives and the Senate providing relief from double dividend taxation. Other encouraging factors were favourable corporation returns and the news that REPUBLIC STEEL will spend nearly $10m. on expansion and modernization next year. The steel group was especially firm, probably because of persistent rumours of a merger of BETHLEHEM STEEL and YOUNGSTONE SHEET AND TUBE and also on better than expected good earning reports for the first half of the year. DOW JONES averages for 30 Industrials was 343.48 in comparison with 341.46 last week and for 20 Rails 117.96 as against 117.80.

London

TOWARDS the week-end London had a firm tone, which seems to have been helped by the general advance on Wall Street. This followed earlier profit-taking which brought down prices, especially of Industrials. News from Geneva helped the sentiment considerably, but the recovery did not manage to wipe out previous losses.

GILT-EDGED were again in demand but some uncertainty was evident, with the NEW WORLD BANK 3¼% stock finding a good response. On the otherwise dull foreign bond market, Chinese and Siamese were harder. Kaffirs have been advancing slightly on a selective demand for certain Free State issues and Finance houses. OILS responded to Wall Street features and recorded widespread gains with Anglo-Iranian shares in the lead.

Reuter's daily index for GILT-EDGED was 91.5 against 91.2 last week, INDUSTRIALS 187 against 188.2 and KAFFIRS 84.8 against 83.7. In Paris prices reached new high levels because of fears of monetary measures by the new French Government.

Gold

IN London gold was slightly higher, at £249.0¼d. Dealers, however, attached little significance to this move. Trading was more active than in the previous weeks.

Commodities

In Chicago firmness was injected into wheat futures by report of export sales of one million bushels to Japan and 250,000 bushels to West Germany, the latter scheduled to buy an additional 600,000 bushels. Dealings were otherwise quiet with traders awaiting returns on the wheat-marketing quota. Growers are expected to approve a new measure limiting wheat acreage to 55 millions instead of 62 million. About 1,950 million bushels of wheat will be available for the present marketing year which is an all-time record supply and some 30% more than what has been estimated in the United States as "normal."

Base metals were cheaper in London following the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China. Rubber was again lower.

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Tel Aviv Stock Markets

JULY 26.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans		
3% 1955 (reg.)	100§	—
3% 1956 (reg.)	101	—
3% 1958 (reg.)	100	—
Pop. Loans		
1948/49 (IL.10)	102§	—
1950/7% (IL.10)	99½	—
3½% Travel Dollar	1274x)	—
3½% War Loan 54/59	80§	—
3½% Govt. Bonds large	95	—
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	74§	—
Ser. 2	73§	—
Ser. 3	74§	—
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	304	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	99§	—
4½% Pref. sh.	100	—
Ord. sh. "B"	114	—
Gazit Ord. Sh. "B"	106§	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs 48/63	73§	—
6% Pref. sh.	75	—
Hisur 4% Debs. 48/58	89	—
4½% Debs 52/66 reg.	73§	—
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 29/59	79	—
5% Pref. sh.	69	—
Paas Debs. 4% 42/62	79§	—
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh. reg.	157§	—
5% Debs.	80	—
Afr. Pal Inv. Ord. sh.	120	—
Rassco 4% Debs. 56/62	68	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	94§	—
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	400	—
"A" Ord. sh.	186	—
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Isr.	475	—
Pal. Elec. O.d. sh. (Ldn.	601	—
Jerus. Electric (Ldn.)	310	—
Mehoreth Pref. sh.	71	—
Ata 4% "C" Pref. sh.	100§	—
Ord. "C" sh.	140	—
6-9% Conv. Debs.	102§	—
"Kardaneh" Ord "B" sh	147§	—
Ord. "C" sh.	147	—
7% Conv. Debs. 59/69	113§	—
Pal Brewery 8% conv.	102§	—
Assis. Bk. "B" sh.	140§	—
"Tevat" Ord. sh.	100§	—
Nesher 6% Debs. Ser. A.	114§	—
6% Debs. Ser. B.	140	—
Pal. Gold St. 7% Debs.	144§	+4
Lodzia 4½% Pref. sh.	71§	—
S.A. Bisyao Ord.sh.	88	—
Pal. Contr. Tr. pref.	96	—

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Egypt's Record Budget

CAIRO, (UP). —

THE Egyptian budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st in the highest on record. It totals L.E.227,850,000 plus another L.E.62,000,000 for various National Production schemes, making a grand total of L.E.288m.

The Minister of Finance, Dr. Abdul Hamid Sherif, stated that there will be an increase of over L.E.20m. in expenditure this year but this increase will be covered by new sources of income.

The various development plans, on which L.E.60,000,000 will be spent, include irrigation schemes, drainage systems, oil refineries and pipelines and various communications networks as well as agricultural improvements. It is understood that a considerable portion of the budget is being spent on defence.

In foreign trade there was a marked improvement, the deficit in the balance of payments being only L.E.8,000,000 in 1953 against L.E.55,400,000 in 1952.

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Consumer Loses If Retail Competition Is Restricted

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE consumer is in a weak position all over the world in wartime, when shortages lead to a seller's market and rationing puts him at the mercy of the authorities and of the salesman. But in many countries the buying public won back many of its privileges when rationing ended, and the productive capacity of the huge industrial plants grew with the new knowledge they had acquired during the fighting.

In Israel, too, the consumer is no longer as helpless as during rationing. He can choose between goods — according to quality—and between stores — according to service, cleanliness and display. However, he could not get his own back as far as prices were concerned, at least not to the same extent as in the pre-rationing period. For he discovered a new wall set up against competition by the closely knit producers, reinforced by the sellers.

In other words, during the rationing period individual sellers and producers had organized into effective groups which were ready to confront the individual buyer. It makes no difference whether we call these organizations associations or cartels or what not. The main point about them is the undeniable fact that a large percentage of producers and merchants have learned to act together in order to protect their interests against that of the individual consumer.

Consumer's Power

This is bad not only for the consumer — who represents the general public—but for the economy as a whole. For the consumer has an important role to fulfil in the general economic structure of a modern market economy. It is he alone who helps to keep up competition and thus efficiency. It is true, that modern advertising and salesmanship as well as the big trusts have robbed the individual consumer of much of his influence and his power. Nevertheless, his refusal or his inability to buy can dislocate first sales and then production. Moreover, the tendency to buy cheaply wherever possible helps to eliminate inefficient producers.

The importance of this function in this country is particularly great at present. During the period of shortage and rationing, the price mechanism lost its proper place in our economic set-up. Every enterprise which could produce something, and every store which could sell something, was kept going by an excess of demand over supply which in turn indiscriminately kept going every business and every workshop. This was due in part to the influence of inflation, which had blurred the notions of the worth of money, and in part to the strength of the organizations which had grown up under the protection of the rationing system. Then the producer and the distributor could not work alone and without the help of an adequate organization. This fact, more than anything else, helped to produce the associations, which proceeded to keep up a system of price-fixing which held the customer to ransom as far as the interests of trade allowed.

The system developed during the past few years means that prices are not determined by the most efficient enterprise in a certain field or by the best or cheapest store, but by the weakest member in the branch. One glaring example is found in the bakeries, where old and inefficient plants hold up a reorganization of the whole business because they refuse to launch a more efficient organization. Another is now provided in the field of distribution.

Two Tel Aviv clothing firms decided that it would be worth while to cut prices in order to attract more customers. The Merchants' Association protested violently, with the argument that the Association fixes the time for end-of-season-sales and that no individual member could proceed with price-cuts on its own. The two firms are no longer members of the Association and sales are proceeding.

In Haifa, there was a similar attempt, but it was nipped in the bud by the Merchants' Association, which endeavoured to show that large price cuts were against the interest of the public, because they were not warranted by the profit margin, and that shops which started such sales were out to cheat the public by selling inferior goods. This does not sound convincing. It appears more sound to assume that during the past few years certain enterprises have made profits on such a large-scale that they can afford substantial cuts in order to attract more customers now that the market is slackening.

It is probable that these firms are both more efficient and more enterprising than their colleagues in the Association. They, and not the weaker ones, should be allowed to lead. We can only hope for a more enterprising spirit and more efforts to produce and sell cheaper and better if competition and the price-mechanism are again to come into their own. This is true not only of the clothing business, but of many other branches of our economy, in the field of production as well as in distribution and in the services.

Rubber, Cork to Turkey

CONSIDERABLE quantities of tobacco, cotton, and other agricultural products have been exported from Turkey to Haifa during the past few weeks, and raw materials for Turkish industry, particularly rubber and cork imported from Israel, states the bulletin of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. Import licences for goods from Israel are now granted by Turkish authorities with fewer difficulties than for goods from other countries, particularly members of the European Payments Union.

Israel trade circles, however, are not wholly satisfied with this development. They point to the fact that the Turkish authorities seem to be certain of their ability to dispose of Turkish agricultural surpluses in the Israel market, while Israel industry is meeting with increasingly competitive conditions in Turkey and is often forced to cut prices.

Criticism is also expressed at the "switch" operations, which enable Turkey to get dollar goods, like rubber and cork, within the framework of the clearing agreement with Israel. While such operations may yield considerable profits in foreign currency because of the high prices obtained in Turkey for such imports, it is felt that, as a result, less scope is left for exports of Israel's own manufactured goods at a time when our industry is proving capable of supplying increasing quantities of several products demanded by the Turkish market.

We should do more than use our exports, along with non-Israel dollar goods, only as a means of repaying our purchases in Turkey. The volume of these purchases should be made to depend on a parallel increase in Turkish orders from our industry, particularly at this time when our heavy crops are mounting and press for outlets.

Arab Employment Steady; Vocational Centre to Open

ALTHOUGH national unemployment figures have risen, Arab unemployment remains unaffected, and the number of Arab wage-earners has actually gone up to 15,600. Nazareth lists 120 unemployed, Acre 45, the rest of Galilee 80, Jaffa 80, the Little Triangle 300, Ramle, Lydda 120, and other places 300. To this should be added another 300-400 unregistered and only partly employed persons, totalling some 1,500 persons.

Three factors account for this relative stability: the farm season is now at its peak; relief projects within the Arab sector have been expanded; last but not least, the participation of Arab villages and local councils in these projects has doubled. While in all of 1953 the Ministry of Labour supplied IL.80,000 for relief projects and the villages gave IL.25,000, during the first half of this year alone the Ministry of Labour provided IL.83,000, and the villages gave IL.41,000.

During the coming half of this year, the Ministry has set aside IL.50,000 for roads leading to Arab villages in Galilee, and IL.10,000 for the Little Triangle. Arab villages and local councils will bear half the cost of these projects. They provide 240 jobs—meaning 480 persons, since the fortnightly ratio system is used—distributed more or less equally between the various districts.

Two problems of Arab employment remain unsolved: the wages of unskilled labourers (skilled workers are paid about as much as Jews) have fallen, yet the migration of farm youths to the towns has increased, for in rural areas wages are particularly low.

Instruction for Youth

As a step to eliminate unemployment, the first modern Vocational Training Centre for Arab youth fully equipped with modern machines especially purchased in the U.S., will open in Nazareth next month. Courses lasting from three months to one year will be given in carpentry and furniture-making, locksmithery, machine shop work, sewing, and the construction and repair of machinery, particularly farm equipment—the first time that Israel Arabs will have a chance to be trained in this vital field.

The candidates for the courses, who number nearly 100, will go through psycho-technic screening. They include graduates of Arab secondary schools, semi-skilled workers who lack theoretical background, and unemployed unskilled labourers. Social cases and fathers of large families may be tided over the period of the course by the Ministry. Classes will be taught in Arabic, and the Ministry intends to staff the Centre with a maximum of Arab instructors.

In opening this centre in Nazareth, the Ministry has three major aims in mind: to eliminate the present system of exploitation of unskilled Arab workers, who are employed for three or four years until they learn the job and become classified; to supplement the knowledge of partly skilled workers and to train the unskilled workers, who constitute the bulk of Arab unemployed.

Since the inception of the State, the Ministry of Labour has conducted a dozen vocational training courses in the Arab urban and rural sector ranging from three-month sewing classes to vocational training courses for Arab workers in Jaffa and Haifa and for Government officials in Nazareth. *WGT.*

Company Report

Migdal Elementary Up 42%

THE Migdal Insurance Company, which incidentally is now reaching its twentieth year of operation, reports another period of satisfactory progress. The premium income of elementary business increased to IL.1.44m. in 1953 (in 1952—IL.1.05m.), and the rise in the fire insurance branch was 53 per cent. This branch now accounts for 50 per cent of the total elementary business of the company. The premium income of comprehensive insurance also showed an increase. The loss ratio was satisfactory and actually lower than in 1952, except for burglary insurance, where it was considerably higher. The automobile insurance branch continued to show unsatisfactory results, despite the somewhat increased premium rates. These trends continued in the first half of 1954, along with the general rising tendency of production and prices.

Income Tax Discouragement

In life insurance, the advance was less pronounced. The premium income amounted to IL.870,000, compared with IL.487,000 in 1952, i.e., a rise of only 17 per cent, and the life portfolio increased from IL.11.8m. to IL.14.8m., i.e. by 27 per cent, but still appreciably less than the rise in the cost-of-living and in the general level of money income which occurred last year.

As a result of this development, elementary business now exceeds life insurance at the Migdal, too, as has long been the case with most other local companies. But the lag in the advance of life insurance is palpably of a general nature. It is the result of the deterioration of Israel currency, which quite naturally discouraged saving, particularly long-term. It has also been unfavourably influenced by income tax legislation in recent years, which, for practical purposes almost abolished the IL.200 deduction limit from chargeable income which previously had been accorded to life insurance premiums, as in the practice in most advanced countries.

The introduction of the National Insurance Scheme on April 1 1954, is also bound to have a detrimental influence on the volume of business of the private insurance companies, at least in the early stages, as workmen's compensation insurance constituted an important and profitable branch of their activity. The companies hope that the introduction of the national old age insurance will help to increase the general awareness as to the importance of life insurance and thus lead to additional private business, but this, too, to a large extent will depend upon future tax legislation.

Life Policies Advance

Migdal's life insurance fund advanced from IL.1.7m. to IL.2.4m. and deposits by reinsurers to IL.798,000. "Claims admitted" doubled (IL.146,000), and "current liabilities" rose by half (to IL.314,000). The company's paid-up capital increased by IL.40,000 (to IL.150,000), partly by the issue of bonus shares, and an additional increase to IL.200,000 is proposed, of which IL.15,000 will again be effected in bonus shares. Total own capital with open reserves amounted to IL.236,000 (IL.190,000), while inner reserves have also been strengthened.

On the assets side, the increase was most pronounced in securities, which rose to IL.900,000 against IL.615,000 a year ago. Out of this, IL.158,000 were Government Bonds. (Besides these sums, securities amounting to IL.67,000 were deposited with the Finance Ministry). Mortgages remained at their previous level (IL.700,000), but "other loans" rose from IL.95,000 to IL.238,000, and a new item "deposits with banks for a period not exceeding one year" amounted to IL.90,000, presumably also connected with credits. On the other hand, loans on life policies increased only from IL.162,000 to IL.204,000, and were thus less than 13 per cent of the assurance fund, despite the easy terms on which they may be obtained.

Sums transferred to the Profit and Loss Account totalled IL.126,000 (against IL.120,000 in 1952), out of which IL.106,000 were needed for general expenses and provisions (IL.75,000). The net profit was IL.18,000, of which IL.5,000 were allocated to general reserve.

The following figures illustrate the company's development in recent years.

	1950	1951	1952	1953
			IL.000	
Life premium income	291	406	487	670
General premium income	377	471	1,023	1,445
Life assurance fund	606	1,340	1,733	2,235
Securities	394	466	615	900
Mortgages	513	602	700	703
Loans on policies	66	110	162	204
Other loans	41	100	95	238
Capital and reserves	132	171	190	227

Readers' Letters

SEASONAL SALES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The "end-of-season sales" may have grave industry-wide consequences which your paper does not mention. We have had to cancel many orders and scores of other retailers, have done the same — there may be an increase in unemployment. The cancellations must run into a considerable sum and the manufacturers are very bitter about it, but they know on whose shoulders to put the blame.

I should like to know whether there is no authority, Governmental or otherwise, who can regulate the matter of "seasonal sales." An investigation at the Manufacturers' Association, Merchants' Association and Chambers of Commerce would confirm that "the law of the jungle" applied to seasonal sales is highly detrimental to our economy.

Yours etc.
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